

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 39

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A RESOLUTION to commend family-owned Jimmy Kelly's
Steakhouse upon more than eighty years of
service to its customers.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those fine dining establishments that serve the gastronomical needs of our citizens, while also delighting their taste buds and feeding their spirits; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Kelly's Steakhouse is one such outstanding restaurant that has attracted a diverse and loyal clientele by providing a great steak, a generous portion of whiskey, and extraordinary service to its many satisfied customers since its opening in 1934; and

WHEREAS, the oldest independently owned restaurant in Nashville, Jimmy Kelly's Steakhouse opened in the throes of the Great Depression; founder John Kelly believed guests would appreciate great steaks that were carefully selected and aged, hand-cut at the restaurant, and prepared to perfection; and

WHEREAS, the family business established a legacy of excellence that was passed on to John Kelly's two sons, Jimmy and Bill, and his grandson, Mike Kelly; and

WHEREAS, learning from the best, as a child, Mike Kelly went with his father to cattle markets in Iowa, Nebraska, and Illinois to gain valuable knowledge about quality in food sourcing; these pivotal experiences helped shape Mike's belief in knowing his suppliers and ensuring the quality of every dish; and

WHEREAS, under the management of Mike Kelly, Jimmy Kelly's Steakhouse is one of a very few select steakhouses in the United States that age and cut their beef in-house; this dedication to quality control extends to the rest of the menu, from the restaurant's iconic corn cakes to seafood brought in fresh daily and acclaimed wines and desserts; and

WHEREAS, a favorite for generations of Nashvillians, Jimmy Kelly's Steakhouse is housed in a beautifully restored Victorian mansion that features seven dining rooms, multiple fireplaces, and a spacious outdoor dining patio; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to famous faces Jimmy Kelly's Steakhouse has welcomed such luminaries as Bob Hope, Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Perry Como, Robert Redford, James Garner, Mel Gibson, Bryant Gumbel, Neil Young, Eddy Arnold, Chet Atkins, Toby Keith, Dolly Parton, Reba McEntire, k.d. lang, Bob Dylan, and many more; and

WHEREAS, exhibiting great devotion to the family business, passion for the restaurant industry, and an unparalleled work ethic, the members of the Kelly family have dedicated themselves to providing superior quality food and service; and

WHEREAS, the Kellys, who represent some of the finest restaurant industry minds in Tennessee, have distinguished themselves as public-spirited citizens of the highest order and as exceptional assets to their community; and

WHEREAS, the good people of Nashville greatly appreciate the valuable contribution that the Kelly family is making to the dining experience in their community and have honored Jimmy Kelly's Steakhouse with their patronage for more than eighty years; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the Kelly family of Jimmy Kelly's Steakhouse in Nashville for more than eighty years of providing guests a great steak, a generous portion of whiskey, and extraordinary service, as we wish these fine folks all the best in their future culinary endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.